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**Washington County DCFS Child Welfare
Quality Improvement Committee
Meeting Agenda
02 June 2014
12:00 1:00 p.m.**

Mission Statement:

The Washington County Quality Improvement Committee (QIC), working in partnership with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), advocate for the client well-being by identifying areas of Improvement and promoting changes within the child welfare system

Meeting are held at the ST. George Court House

Date: Monday 05 May 2014

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Where: ST. George Court House 206 W. Tabernacle, ST. George, UT 84770

Attending: Craig Bunnell (, Martha Beacco (DCFS Ast. CW), Lori Short (CASA), Shirley Owen (Community Member), Gordon Gunn , Kelly Stapley, Tami Fullerton, Judy Bills, Lindsey Boyer, Debbie Justice, Gloria Garcia Schow, Lori Orton, Vicki Schouten, Ben Ashcraft

Excused: School personal will return in Sept.

Visitors: N/A

Introductions/News/Announcements: All members were introduced to one another.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Last months approved motion 1st Tami and 2nd Gordon.

Committee Member Reports:

- A. CJC:
- B. C.A.S.A.: Introducing
- C. Utah Foster Care:
- D. DJJS: Tami Funding Fiscal Year 2015, \$5600.00 from Washington, and has asked the different dept. for base budget and get same amounts. Employees are set so not a lot of increase. Legislation did not give what was asked for. Division will find a way to fund so they don't have to worry. 2016 will be interesting again. \$17,000 & \$25,000. There is a fundraiser that is happening which will be sponsored by a Restaurant in our community. Applied for a grant with Red Rock Rotary that was not accepted. Suggestion to look at 3 Corner Women's Circle will open up their grants here in the near future it is there to help Women and Girls. Debbie will be happy to help Tami. (Stephanie Martini) Gordon recognizing Tami for the hard work and creativity she has had to come up with to keep the DJJS Shelter in operation the past few years.
- E. School District:
- F. Community Members:
- G. DCFS:

Guest Speaker: Goal setting session as a Committee.

2014-15 larger goal items chosen by the committee:

1. Centralized "closet" donation resource for children coming into or already in the system.
2. Support resources/services for kinship-saviors who, by virtue of their willingness to step in to take physical custody of an abused or neglected child (e.g., via child protective order), unwittingly pre-empt DCFS involvement.

Additional chosen items that could be done fairly quickly and easily:

1. Address with the AG the possibility of a routinely court-ordered mandate that CWs be able to openly communicate with school counselors about the case (e.g., family dynamics, issues, etc.) for the benefit of the children.
2. Sept/Oct presentation to the QIC re "Homework's" implementation in our area.
3. Collaborative meeting with juvenile probation to initiate mechanism for multi-agency planning meetings for dual adjudicated youth.
4. Set up collaborative meeting with DCFS, GAL and CASA re working relations between CASAs and CWs.

Geust Speakers in the near Future:

- Invite Kevin Jackson, Destry Maycock, Linda Wininger & Cossett Mills for Aug. or Sept. to discuss the New In-Home Works

Follow Up:

- Kelly & Gordon will meet with Lori Short to discuss the working relationship with CASA's and DCFS Caseworker.

DISMISS: 1:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: **There will be NO MEETING for JULY...**

Public Comments (brief mention of items that may be included on future agenda's)

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